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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN PRESS AFFIRMS SOLIDARITY WITH SEYCHELLES,
ATTRIBUTES "COUP ATTEMPT" TO "IMPERIALISM"

1. EDITORIAL IN MAY 3 GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS LINKED
ALLEGED PLOT TO OVERTHROW RENE'S REGIME WITH IMPERIALIST
MANEUVERS TO CREATE PUPPET REGIMES AND ESTABLISH MILITARY
DOMINANCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

2. EDITORIAL HELD THAT SEYCHELLES CONFERENCE OF PROGRESSIVE
PARTIES AND MOVEMENTS "PROVOKED THE WRATH OF THE SUPER
POWERS BENT ON DOMINATING THE REGION" BECAUSE THE PARTICIPANTS
WANTED TO DEMILITARIZE THE INDIAN OCEAN IN ORDER TO CREATE
A REGION OF PEACE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION. "IMPERIALISM
PROCEEDED TO RECRUIT COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES TO PLOT AND OVER-
THROW OF THE PROGRESSIVE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT RENE. THEIR
AIM IS TO CREATE PUPPET REGIMES THROUGHOUT THE INDIAN OCEAN."

3. EDITORIAL PRAISED PEOPLE OF SEYCHELLES FOR BEING PROGRESSIVE
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AND FOR STANDING FIRMLY BEHIND RENE. "PRESIDENT RENE'S DESIRE
HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO LEAD HIS PEOPLE FROM THE MUD OF COLONIALISM TO
THE BRIGHT AND FERTILE LAND OF A SOCIALIST SOCIETY, WHERE EACH
AND EVERY SEYCHELLOIS WILL BECOME THE FOCUS OF DEVELOPMENT."

4. IN CONCLUSION, EDITORIAL STATED AFRICA "HAS A DUTY TO CHECK
THE DANGEROUS BUILD-UP OF NAVAL FLEETS AND STRATEGIC EQUIPMENT

AND INSTALLATIONS IN ALL ITS WATERS. THEREFORE, AFRICA MUST NOT ONLY SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT RENE, BUT SHOULD ALSO INTENSIFY SOLIDARITY WITH THE CONFERENCE OF PROGRESSIVE PARTIES AND FORCES OF THE ISLANDS OF THE SOUTH-WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN."

5. COMMENT. EDITORIAL WAS A THROWBACK TO A YEAR OR SO AGO WHEN TANZANIAN JOURNALISTS FOUND "IMPERIALIST" PLOTTERS LURKING BEHIND EVERY UNTOWARD INCIDENT. IMPROVED US-TANZANIAN COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY ON SOUTHERN AFRICA BUT ALSO IN OTHER AREAS, HAS PUT THIS SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM MUCH IN THE BACKGROUND. WE DO NOT INTERPRET EDITORIAL AS AN AUTHORITATIVE TANGOV VIEW OR EVEN AS AN ATTEMPT TO CAST SUSPICION ON THE US. RATHER, WE THINK DAILY NEWS WANTED TO REACT IN SOME WAY TO WHAT IT SAW AS A THREAT TO A NEARBY SOCIALIST REGIME AND DUSTED OFF THE ONLY LANGUAGE IT SEEMS TO KNOW HOW TO USE WHEN FELLOW SOCIALISTS ARE IN TROUBLE.
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